

Fredericksburg Society.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., April 2.—Among the entertainments of the week, was a missionary sociable at the Baptist Church, on Tuesday night, in the interest of the Home Mission Board, Rev. B. A. Williams, pastor of the church, presided. Others on the programme were Rev. Dr. T. S. Dunaway, Prof. A. B. Bowering, Mrs. Mary Quinn Hicks, Messrs. H. F. Crismond, Theodore M. Bradley, Misses Lena Rowe, Annie T. Gordon, Grace Hefflin and Ida Burruss. Solos were rendered by Mrs. Alvin T. Rowe and Miss Mattie Quinn. A song, "Little Lights," was rendered by fourteen candle bearers. The large audience enjoyed the interesting programme, and a good sum was collected.

A number of entertainments of different kinds are being arranged for next week. A number of people of this city are attending the Methodist Conference now in session at Alexandria.

Many visitors are in the city for the Easter holidays, and those of the young people who have been attending school away are here with their families for a brief stay.

Miss Adra Bradbury, after an extended visit to friends in this city, has returned to her home near Nason's, in Orange county.

Miss Willie Schaefer, principal of Hanover school, who was indisposed for some days, is out.

Mrs. Eliza Pratt and daughter, of Caroline county, were visitors to the city this week.

Mr. and Mrs. P. G. Bailey have returned to "Chatham," their handsome home just across the Rappahannock from this city, after an extended stay in Griffin, Ga.

Mrs. M. B. Rowe has returned home from Washington, where she visited her sister, Mrs. H. F. Jones.

Judge J. E. Mason and family, have gone to their country home in King George for the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Russell, of Louisville, Ky., are the guests of the parents of Mrs. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Scott.

Mr. M. G. Willis, Jr., after a brief visit to his parents here, has returned to Richmond College.

Miss Mary C. Manore is visiting Misses Fannie and Jessie Smith in Alexandria.

Miss Lena Harrison has returned from a visit to friends in Washington.

Miss May Rowe, who is home at "Bromp," this city, from Hannah More Academy in Maryland for the Easter holidays, has her guest her school-mate, Miss Mary Carmichael, daughter of the former pastor of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, in Richmond.

Miss Mamie Ambler is home from Hannah More Academy, to spend the Easter holidays.

Miss Bessie Pratt, of Boston, is visiting the Misses Tyler here.

Mrs. Henry Byrd Lewis, of King George, is the guest of Mr. H. H. Wallace and family.

Col. E. D. Cole and daughter, Mrs. W. T. Brannan, have returned from Norfolk, where Col. Cole attended a meeting of the Finance Committee of the Jamestown Exposition, of which he is a member.

Miss Nettie Tyler has returned from a visit to relatives in Baltimore.

Miss Jessie Hough is the guest of friends in Alexandria.

Mrs. W. Key Howard and daughter, who



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The worst disease the world has ever known, and the greatest scourge to the human race, is Contagious Blood Poison. One drop of the virus of this loathsome disease will pollute and vitiate the purest and healthiest blood, and within a short time after the first little sore appears the system is filled with the awful poison; the skin breaks out in a red rash, the glands of the groins begin to swell, the throat and mouth become ulcerated, the hair and eyebrows drop out, and often the entire surface of the body is covered with copper-colored splotches, pustular eruptions and sickening-looking sores and abscesses. Many a man has been cut down in the prime of life, or his health so impaired by this vile disease that usefulness is destroyed, and he becomes a burden to himself and an object of pity to the rest of mankind. Contagious Blood Poison is the most annoying, humiliating and degrading of all diseases. It is as treacherous and elusive as the serpent. Under the



I am compelled by a sense of gratitude to tell you of the great good your remedy has done me. Among other symptoms I was severely afflicted with rheumatism, and got almost past going. The disease got a firm hold upon my system; my blood was thoroughly poisoned with the virus, as characterized by the usual symptoms. I lost in weight, was run down, had sore throat, eruptions, splotches and other evidences of the disease. I was truly in bad shape when I began S. S. S., but the persistent use of it brought me out of my trouble, safe and sound, and I have the courage to publicly testify to the virtues of your great blood remedy, S. S. S., and to recommend it to all Blood Poison sufferers, sincerely believing that if it is taken according to directions, no matter how severe the case may be.

Greensburg, Pa., June 10, 1903.

JAMES CURRAN.

As long as you are confronted with unmistakable traces of blood poison years after. As long as your blood is tainted with this awful virus you are a source of infection and danger to all who come in contact with you, and your children will carry in their veins the same dreadful contagion. As long as there is life in the serpent there is danger of infection. Safety lies in crushing out the life of this loathsome disease and killing the serpent, and no remedy known does this so thoroughly and permanently as S. S. S. It is an antidote for this peculiar virus that spreads through the system, defiles the blood and contaminates all healthy tissues and threatens every organ and part of the body.

S. S. S. contains no mineral of any description, but is guaranteed entirely vegetable, and we offer \$1,000 for proof that it is not just as we represent it to be. It leaves no bad after-effects, but purifies the blood and at the same time builds up your general health. In chronic or long-standing cases of blood poison, where the stomach and digestion have been damaged by the use of minerals, S. S. S. will prove an excellent tonic and appetizer and helpful in restoring strength and activity to all parts of the system. Kill the serpent, crush out its life, or you are apt to feel the bad effects of the disease all your life. If you will write us fully about your case, our physicians will gladly advise without charge, and mail you a copy of our home-treatment book telling all about Contagious Blood Poison, its different stages and symptoms, and a lot of interesting information about this formidable and much-dreaded disease.

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Demosthenes was asked to name the most important thing in public speaking. He replied, "Action." When asked the second in importance he said, "Action." The third? "Action."

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The only real arch-supporting shoe is the "Dorothy Dodd." Its construction is totally different from an ordinary shoe—the curve of the shank being permanently retained through the entire life of the shoe. It makes walking a pastime. You have no idea how well you can stand tramping until you try tramping in a pair of these shoes. Try them once. Sincerely yours,

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SOCIAL LIFE AT OLD POINT

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OLD POINT COMFORT, VA., April 2.—The hotels at Old Point are crowded for the Easter season, and the gaiety is unprecedented. There are dinners galore, cards and dancing with jolly suppers after. The hops at the Chamberlin on Saturday and Wednesday evenings were the largest of the season. There are many handsome young women among the guests, and they are the recipients of much attention from officers and civilians alike.

Every one interested in base-ball journeyed over to Norfolk to-day to witness the game between Yale and the University of Virginia, and there were many ardent supporters of both. The hop to-night is being eagerly anticipated, and the unusually large number of guests will make it a very large one.

Last Sunday evening Mrs. Francis W. Brown gave a dinner, at which her guests were Miss Hillis and Miss Sullivan, of Washington; Capt. and Mrs. Chamberlin, Captain and Mrs. Andrew Hero, Lieut. Francis N. Cooke and Lieut. Locke, of Fort Monroe.

On Monday evening Mrs. Brown gave a dinner for Mrs. Harvard, of West Point, the wife of Colonel Harvard, of the army, and on Tuesday evening Mrs. Harvard was given a dinner by Mrs. George F. Adams.

Mrs. Edmund Waddill, A. F. Mayo and E. D. Hotchkiss, were among the Richmonders who were at the Chamberlin for over Sunday. Others now there are Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Parkinson, Miss Elise Parkinson, Mrs. Charles N. Williams, Charles N. Williams, and Miss Wiggins. Other guests include Mrs. J. B. Holden, Boston; Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Blackford, Baltimore; Mrs. E. L. Pratt, Boston; Miss A. G. Endicott, Salem, Mass.; Mrs. F. B. Brooks, Miss Frances Leigh Brooks, Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. Francis B. Harrington, Worcester, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Woodruff, Miss Mabel Burnham, Cleveland, O.; Mrs. William Metcalf, Miss Helen Metcalf, Pittsburg.

SOUTH BOSTON.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SOUTH BOSTON, VA., April 2.—Mrs. J. D. Tucker beautifully entertained a large number of her lady friends at her home on Washington Street, Friday evening. Delightful games of cards, refreshments, and prizes for one of the leading games, was captured by Mrs. Elmer M. Penick, while Miss Elizabeth K. Ingram was willing to be declared winner of the booty. The elegant refreshments were furnished by Mr. Francisco, of Danville, Va.

Those present were: Mrs. Mayme and Elizabeth Ingram, Virginia; Mrs. Lella and Mrs. Margaret Watkins, Louise Wilder, Mamie Foy, Laura Stebbins, Mesdames, E. M. Penick, J. C. Green, W. M. Nicholas, Henry Howard, H. J. Watkins, J. Summerfield and T. B. Johnson.

Miss Rose H. Watkins will leave Easter Monday for Newport News, to attend the launching of the Virginia. She will also visit Hampton, and will witness the holds, of that place, to Senator Saxton Holt, of Newport News, Va., Tuesday, April 12th. Miss Watkins will be accompanied by her brother, Mr. Jno. O. Watkins, of this place.

Mr. W. Henry Yancey, a student of Richmond College, is here to spend Easter with his parents in South Boston.

Miss Louise Thompson, of Greensboro, N. C., is visiting her mother, Mrs. Bettie Thompson, of this place.

Rev. J. W. Wildman, who has recently resigned his pastorate of Baptist Church of this place, left for his new field in Herndon, Va., this week.

Mr. Sam'l. P. Gilliland has been elected by Grady Lodge, No. 14, I. O. O. F., as their representative to the Grand Lodge, which meets in Lynchburg in May.

Petersburg Affairs.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PETERSBURG, VA., April 2.—The literary event of the season in Petersburg will be the lectures of Professor Frederick Henry Sykes, of Columbia University, delivered in the Y. M. C. A. auditorium, under the auspices of the Southern Female College. The general subject will be "The Modern English Novel." Seldom do the literary people of Petersburg have the pleasure of hearing such a distinguished lecturer in their native city. There has been a great deal of interest manifested in the lectures, and within a few hours after Dr. Sykes had advised those in charge that he could come, subscriptions had been secured to insure the success of the course.

The date and subjects are as follows: Tuesday, April 5th, 8:15 P. M., Charles Dickens—Idealism.

Wednesday, April 13th, 8:15 P. M., M. W. Williams—Makers of Thackeray—Realism, The Novel of Manners.

Thursday, April 19th, 8:15 P. M., George Eliot—Realism: The Psychological Novel.

Wednesday, April 27th, 8:15 P. M., George Meredith—Realism: The Philosophic Novel.

Tuesday, May 3d, 8:15 P. M., Thomas Hardy—Impressionism: The Problem Novel.

Wednesday, May 11th, 8:15 P. M., Robert Louis Stevenson—Romanticism. The lecture on Stevenson was delivered before the Woman's Club in Richmond last year. The same course will be given this spring at the Chamberlin Hotel at Old Point, and before the Educational Association at Norfolk, with one national Association on Hardy being substituted in Petersburg for the lecture on Scott.

An attractive and valuable syllabus of the course has been distributed among the guarantors and subscribers. The co-operative feature of this lecture course is interesting, as the proceeds will be devoted to securing other lectures of a high order for the benefit of the subscribers to the present course. The plan has developed with an increasing interest and success is now assured.

Virginia Beach.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
VIRGINIA BEACH, April 2.—Framed in a picture of blue waters under plum skies, the little world at this seashore resort goes on, unconscious of an outside activity, as there is always a busy life in the mild spring breeze. The Princess Anne is rapidly filling up, and a more charming coterie of guests have never before assembled in this charming locality.

Life in the past few days has been varied, as such a little circle has had the opportunity to attend to that, its own amusement.

A fox hunt was enjoyed on Wednesday by quite a large party, who left early in the morning, bringing in the evening triumphantly, bringing one brush. All were enthusiastic over their evening run, which ended near the Princess Anne courthouse. This gave those who followed in traps an opportunity of visiting the courtesies which are carefully preserved, but the courteous clerk stands ever ready to show and explain.

On Tuesday and Thursday evenings bridge parties were given by some of the guests who are enthusiasts, and so persuading others to be of the same mind. Each day bathers are seen in the ocean enjoying a dip, but as yet few have been lounging upon the beach, as the

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15c Value, 7c, Curtain Muslin

Can you wonder why we are always so busy? It is giving the people such a bargain as this.

25c Batiste, 7½c, Mercerized

To buy merchandise at such a price is like going out in the street and picking up gold dollars.

Lace Department 5 Per Cent. Off to Easter Visitors.

Allover Laces, Hands and Edgings, in Boule, Repousse, Venice and net tops—all at bargain prices. Newest patterns in Venice Bands that we will sell Monday 8c

Another new pattern in the same thing, which is a great bargain, 12½c

Oriental Net Top, extra wide and a regular 5c. value, for 19c

Repousse, in the newest patterns, for 25c

Venise Allover, a new lot just received; among this lot you will find some as good as are sold at 75c, for 75c

Another lot of Venice Allover, that are getting scarce; we had the good luck to pick up a lot of 8c. ones that will be 75c

Repousse Allover Lace, forty-four inches wide, to match the 15c edges, for \$1.25

Dress Goods 5 Per Cent. Off to Easter Visitors.

Did you read what we said about Dress Goods in the head lines? 25c Flaked Voles, cream, light blue, champagne and black for 18½c

30c Linen Vole, in good line of colors, for Monday, 23½c

A 50c Vole, in the most popular colors, that will be sold as long as this lot lasts, 39c

50c Albatross, in all the leading shades; this lot came to us in an unusual way—is the reason we can sell them at 38c

A 75c Mohair, fifty inches wide; this is a manufacturer's mistake; he priced the goods much lower than they could be made; we reordered them, but he won't get them to sell for less than 75c; you can get this lot at 59c

Novelty Mixtures, in blue, black, gray and red; sold usually at 69c; our Monday price 45c

Silk Sale Monday

Silks in plain colors, figured and striped—the greatest bargains in town. White Habutai Silk, twenty inches wide, that is sold at 29c, 29c for quality, for 48c

Spun Silk, twenty-eight inches wide, in white, black and champagne; one of the greatest bargains ever offered, only 37½c

Shantung Silk, twenty-eight inches wide; does not stay here long—comes in the morning, gone before night; the thing is too cheap, only 37½c

Figured Jap Silk, extra wide, white and dark grays, 55c. value, for 48c

Figured Taffeta, only the best patterns and colorings; you will find this particular one to cost you more in other stores, 75c

Silk Chiffon, forty-two inches wide, in full range of colors; a regular 50c. value, for 39c

Linen Specials 5 Per Cent Off to Easter Visitors.

These are values that cannot be duplicated at anywhere near the price, so you had better make your purchases accordingly. Checked and Colored Border Doilies, all linen, that will sell Monday at each, 3½c

Hand Towels, hemmed; this is another special Monday 93c

Bleached and Red Damask, good width, that will be sold Monday at 23½c

Bleached Damask, all pure linen, the greatest value ever offered, at 39c

Lining Items 5 Per Cent. Off to Easter Visitors

Only the reliable kind, that will give you good service at Monday prices. Percale, thirty-six inches wide, black and all colors; this we guarantee to wear well; instead of 10c, 12-12c, we say 10c

Crystal Silk, a splendid line of colors, looks like silk, but wears better; the regular price is 15c; our price is 15c

Mercerized Lining, in black and all colors; it has a permanent finish; usually sold at 25c and 29c; our cash price is 25c

Wash Goods

This is another lot of the special lots of Wash Goods we told you about Friday, and will be sold Monday at same prices. Do not miss these.

Batiste, in white and linen, with colored stripes, that are worth in regular way 12-12c; our special price 93c

Manchester Chambray, thirty-two inches wide, in white and colored grounds; hard to get at 15c; our special price 113c

Mercerized Batiste, with colored stripes and embroidered dots; no more to be had after this lot is gone; a 25c. value, for 12½c

Striped Pique, in white and dark grounds, worth 15c, to duplicate; tomorrow you get them 113c

White Goods

A few prices to show what special values we are offering, that were bought in such a way that no other store has the same chance.

Fine Lawn, forty inches wide, is a great special, for Monday, 63c

Mercerized Madras, Figured Plaque, sheer, forty-inch India, any one worth 15c; for Monday, 113c

Sheer Batiste, double width, forty inches wide, the finest quality ever sold at 15c; our special price 13½c

SILK MOUSELINE.

133c
 All colors, the regular 15c. quality.

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FRENCH BATISTE.

133c
 40 inches wide, the regular 25c. kind.

air is too keen for that. But a plunge in the ocean and a walk to the bath house invigorates the many who are now trying it.

Cottages are fast being opened, where their informal life brings many friends to enjoy a day at the beach and does much to brighten the life. Miss Kate Cooke is entertaining a number of friends at her cottage, and near by the Gordon Cottage is occupied by a merry party.

Mrs. Bradford Tazewell moved into the Bradford Cottage last week, and on Monday Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Little will occupy the DeJarnette Cottage for two months.

A number of distinguished people have registered at the hotel during the past week, and Easter is bringing in a still larger contingent, who find this a restful place for the balmy days.

Plant Enlarged.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., April 2.—The Melville Woolen Mills, one of the most important enterprises in this city, is enlarging its plant on an extensive scale. A large addition for a stock house is being built, the main building which raised another story, two big new water machinery will be added and the number of operatives greatly increased. Increased business makes these improvements necessary. The mills run day and night, and now have orders months ahead.

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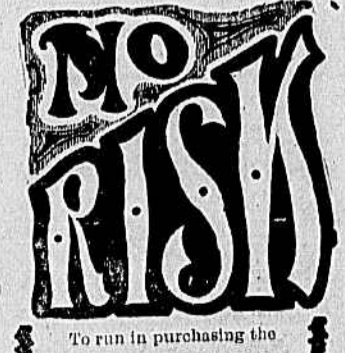
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